GENESIS OF BETTER SCHOOLS

Blacksburg Female Institute On of Leading Christian Schools. of the South.

the State, claims to have better schools and more of them than any town of its size in the State or in the South, and I am sure the claim is a just one, as the facts and the figures that I have had access to will easily show.

While Blackstone is not the county seat of Nottoway county, it is the largest town in the county does a greater mercantile, banking and manuateruring business than any place in the county—greater perhaps than all the others combined—greater, indeed, than any Southside lown except Peters.

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—and it does do great things—
the idea started in Blackstone.

seas of High School Movement.

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Rev. James Cannon, Jr., and it was ugh their efforts that it finally through the Legislature.

may be remarked in parenthesis no bill for the past hundred years been of more service to the State.

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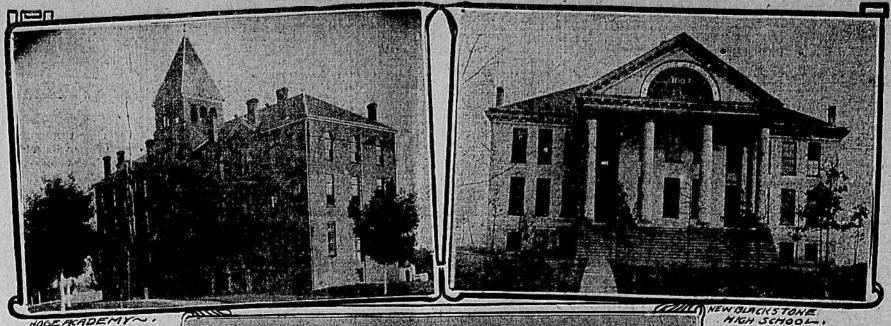
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BLACKSTONE ONE OF THE EDUCATIONAL CENTERS OF VIRGINIA



just been completed in time for occujancy this fall and winter. It is a
magnificent brick building, costing
something over \$10,000. It is two
beautifully arranged for public school
purposes, and nothing has been left
undone in the general arrangement of
the building to make it an ideal public
high school of the twentieth century.
The grounds and walkways are handsomely arranged, and all the facilities
for outdoor exercises and sports have
been provided for If anything is lackling—and there seems to be nothing—
to make it the ideal public school of
the State and a pattern for other towns
to follow, the wide-awake and progress
sive people of Blackstone will find
some way to raise the money to supply
the deficiency.
Including the principal, there are

The school is in charge of Colonel E. B. Fishburne, a Christian educator and a man of military training. Col. I'ishburne is ably assisted by a corps of teachers and trainers, all of whom are men of experience and who are devoted to the good work of training the youth of the land. Eight-five cadets are now on the rolls, forty of whom are from the surrounding section and occupy quarters in the barracks as boarders. With their bright uniforms, their brighter guns and their soldierly and Christian demenor at all times, the cadets are the pride of Blackstone. The academy building and with six teachers, and twenty-nine and the parade grounds are kept in apple-ple order, and everything about the school is suggestive of order and military regulation.

Blackstone Female Institute.

The Blackstone Female Institute needs no commendation at my hands. It is known all over Virginia and all the solution of the control of the school is suggestive of order and military regulation.

The First Beginnings.

The cost of the building and furnishings at the opening of the school is 294, and the amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000, of which amount something less than 1894, amounted to about \$25,000,

Blackstone Female Institute.
The Blackstone Female Institute needs no commendation at my hands. It is known all over Virginia and all over the South. While the institute is really a Blackstone venture it is a Methodist State Institution. In fact, it is the only educational enterprise in the State claiming to be under Methodist control that actually belongs to the church and is absolutely under the courted of that denomination. While I have no disposition to get into the discussion which was sprung in the recent sessions of the Virginia Methodist Conference, as to what is

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Southside and to Virginia.

Spiendid Colored Schools.

In addition to the schools that I have been taiking about there are three or four private schools in the town that are well patronized and are a credit to the community, and then come the colored schools.

First among these is the Harmony III shad industrial School. This chool was established largely by local inchey. It has a good building and a nill corps of competent teachers. The tudents not only obtain the advanages of classic training, but they also re taught what industry is and how to be useful in the work-aday world. There is a colored Episcopal Churchiere, which, with the help of the white ineaple, maintains a colored parochial school. This school, while in actual barge of well equipped colored teachers, is under the general superintendance of white people, who do everything in their power to help the colored by county and town money, is one among the best of colored schools in the State. The buildings are suitable for the purposes for while they were under the purposes for while they were under the distinguished to the colored purpose for while they were under the distinguished for the purposes for while they were under the distinguished to the colored purpose for while they were under the distinguished to the colored purpose for while they were under the distinguished to the colored purpose for while they were under the distinguished to the purposes for while they were under the distinguished to the purposes for while they were under the distinguished to the colored purpose for while they were under the document of the leaf. "Land of the Leal." Baritone solo (the call), Mr. J. H. Reitzel, Graham, N. C.

"Rose Songs," soprano solo (Gaynor), a. "If I Bitt Knew; b. "Because She Kissed It;" c. "In My Garden," Mrs. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C.

"In Blossom Land" tenor solo (Ellott), Mr. W. W. Elder, Columbus, Ga.

"In Blossom Land" tenor solo (Ellott), Mrs. The Gondoller." Miss Alma Newman, Elon College, N. C.

"The Gondoller." Miss Ethel Clements,

NEWS FROM ELON.

Fire in Building During Recital--Even-ing of Good Music.

In the only developed in the control of the control [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ELON COLLEGE, N. C., December-It was Friday night and the 13th



for the excellency of its work, the thoroughness of its instruction. The following excellent program was rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present:

Polonaise, piano solo (Chopin), Miss Virgie Holland, Holland, Va.
"Song of Gold," bass solo (Metcaif), Mr. Simeon Atkinson, Richmond, Va.
"Dear Heart," baritone solo (Mattei), Mr. W. F. Howell, Jacksonville, Fiz.
"One Fond Caress," soprano solo (Villa), Miss Bessie Gilliam, Burlington, N.C.

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"Out of the Deep," bass solo (Lohr),
Mr. H. G. Miller, Ashboro, N. C.
Capricante, piano solo (Wachs), Mr.
W. N. Huff, Gibsonville, N. C.
"In a Sylvan Glade," tenor solo
(Trotere), Mr. Claude Fonville, Burlington, N. C.
"Slumber Song of the Sea," mezzosoprano solo (Coombs), Miss Ocie Whitley, Smithfield, Va.
"Last Night," bass solo (Kjeruif),
Mr. J. W. Barret, Norfolk, Va.
Fourth Mazurka, piano solo (Godard),
Miss Ruth Slevick, Raleigh, N. C.
"Land o' the Leal," baritone solo
(Metcalf), Mr. J. H. Reitzel, Graham,
t. N. C.

Toasts were responded to by Dr. J. O. Atkingon, Rev. Mr. Harr, Mr. C. T. Horing, Dr. J. E. Jordan, Professor W. C. Wicker, Rev. J. W. Wallons and Professor W. A. Harper, All in all, it was a very enjoyable occasion, and those who were present look forward to its repetition at no distant date with foundationality.

CONCERT AT SWEET BRIAR.

Delightful Evenish of Music at the New College for Women.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SWEET BRIAR, VA., December 21.

A delightful feature of Sweet Bright the new college for women, is the prominence given to music, not only in the work of the students, but in the numerous concerts and recitals which form so pleasant a part of the social life of the place.

On December 3th a public concert was given by the faculty of the music department of Sweet Briar. The program, which was arranged by Miss Helen Young, the head of the music department, is given below. An especially interesting number was "The Romance," for the 'cello, composed by Dr. Mitchell Humphreys, professor of modern languages at Sweet Briar, and played in public for the first time by his wife, a 'cellist of r markably artistic attainments.

Miss Young's playing is unusual in its finish and perfect on of detail, and the charm with which she read into the chopin "Nocture" took hold of he audience in a way quite remarkable in plane work, since that proverbially, is apt to leave an audience cold. Note worthy, too, was Miss Gardner's schol arry rendering of Brahm's "Ballade Miss Blake's pure soprano showed to fine advantage in Mel. It is of the "Banks and Braes of Bonn, Doon" and the daintilly coquettis "Stolen Wings." The musical quality of the whole program found a fitting close in the ensemble number by Gade This was the program:

Allegro from Duo, Op. 15, for 'cello

Progrim.

Allegro from Duo, Op. 15, for 'cellic' and plano (Golter ann), Mrs. Humphreys and Miss Ethel Gardner; 'With Verdure Ciad' (Haydn), Miss Marguerite Blake: N cturne, Op. 15, No. 2 (Chopin); Mazurka, in E flat (Leschelzky), Miss Helen Young; 'Romance,' for violoncello (Mitchell Humphreys); "Gavotto" (Popper), Mrs Humphreys; "Gavotto" (Popper), Mrs Humphreys; "Bourree (Bach-Sain Saens; "Ballade," Op. 10, No. 2 (Rahms); "Spring Song" (Hugg Kaun), Miss Ethel Gardner; "Desetted E flat (MacDowell); "Stolen Wings," C (Willeby), Miss Marguerite Blake trio for plano, violin and 'cello (Gade) first movement, Miss Young, Dr. and Mrs. Humphreys.

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